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MAYOR JERRY SANDERS FACT SHEET

SAN DIEGO AWARDED \$15.7 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANTS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

More Than \$6 Million from Stimulus Bill Aimed at Prevention

Mayor Jerry Sanders announced today that the city of San Diego and local assistance organizations have been awarded a record \$9.55 million in grants from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development to address homelessness in San Diego.

The city also will receive \$6.17 million through the recently passed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for programs to prevent homelessness. These new grants are aimed at helping those facing sudden economic crisis with quick housing assistance, such as short-term rental assistance, housing relocation, or security and utility deposits.

“In these extremely difficult economic times, many San Diego families who were struggling to make ends meet are now facing the very real possibility of homelessness,” said Sanders. “With these funds, our local assistance organizations can help stabilize these families’ housing situations while they get back on their feet.”

Nearly \$8.9 million of the federal funds benefiting San Diego come through HUD’s Continuum of Care programs, which provide permanent and transitional housing to the homeless and fund services such as job training, health care, mental health counseling, substance abuse training and child care. The city of San Diego acts as the lead agency in facilitating the competitive grants, which go directly to assistance organizations serving the city’s homeless population.

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Continuum of Care funding for San Diego is up approximately \$80,000 over the prior year, with the additional award being granted to Townspeople's 34th Street Project, which provides permanent supportive housing to individuals with HIV/AIDS.

The city of San Diego will receive \$661,244 through the Emergency Shelter Grant program, a formula-based annual grant that primarily funds operation of shelters and transitional housing.

"I applaud the political will and commitment Mayor Sanders dedicated to San Diego's efforts to reduce and end homelessness," said Philip Mangano, executive director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness. "In securing a record \$9.5 million in HUD targeted homeless assistance resources and an additional \$6.1 million to prevent homelessness from the President's economic recovery program, San Diego receives a tangible expression of partnership to end the long misery of homelessness for its poorest neighbors."

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